

## **Requirements to Administer Influenza Vaccination**

**Registration:** To qualify for registration to Administer Influenza Vaccinations, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- A licensed pharmacist in good standing.
- Successful completion of a certification course approved by the Board of Pharmacy.
- Possession of an active certification in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
  
- A licensed pharmacist shall submit a registration to the Board on a form that the Board requires.
- The registration form shall include verification from the pharmacist of the following:
  - Successful completion of a certification course approved by the Board of Pharmacy that includes the current guidelines and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for herpes zoster, influenza, and pneumococcal pneumonia vaccines; and
  - Possession of an active certification in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation obtained through in-person classroom instruction.
  
- A registration authorizing a licensed pharmacist to administer influenza vaccinations expires with the expiration of the pharmacist license to practice pharmacy unless the pharmacist has completed:
  - 4 hours of continuing education credits related to influenza vaccinations.
  - All other requirements for license renewal.

### **Duties:**

- A pharmacist shall report to the Maryland Immunization Registry an influenza vaccination administered by the pharmacist to individuals who are from 9 to 18 years old.
- A pharmacist shall:
  - Provide the patient with a vaccine information statement issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
  - Obtain a signed consent form from the patient or custodial parent; and
  - Observe the patient for a period of 15 minutes after administration of the vaccine for adverse effects including syncope.
- A pharmacy student in a Pharmacy Experiential Program, who has successfully completed a Board-approved certification course, may administer vaccinations under direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist who meets requirements in §A of this regulation.

### **Prohibitions:**

- A pharmacist may not administer influenza vaccinations until the pharmacist receives a written confirmation from the Board accepting the pharmacist's registration.
  
- A pharmacist may not administer:
  - An influenza vaccinations to any individual who is younger than 9 years old; and
  - Vaccinations, other than influenza, to any individual younger than 18 years old.

**Training - Any course approved by the Board shall contain at a minimum the following elements:**

- Responses to an emergency situation as a result of the administration of influenza vaccination.
- Administration of intramuscular injections and intranasal vaccination.
- Record-keeping and reporting requirements.
- Advisor Committee on Immunization Practices and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for herpes zoster, influenza, and pneumococcal pneumonia vaccines.

**Record Keeping and Reporting:**

- The pharmacy permit holder shall maintain documentation in the pharmacy from which the vaccine was administered for a minimum of 5 years that include:
  1. Name, address, and date of birth of the individual receiving the influenza vaccination;
  2. Date of administration and route and site of vaccinations;
  3. Name, dose, manufacturer's lot number, and expiration date of the influenza vaccine;
  4. Name and address of the primary health care provider of the individual receiving the influenza vaccination, as identified by that individual;
  5. The name of the pharmacist, pharmacy student, physician, or nurse administering the influenza vaccination;
  6. Version of the influenza vaccination information statement provided to the individual receiving the influenza vaccination; and
  7. Copy of the signed patient consent form of those individuals to whom the vaccine was administered.
  8. Nature and outcome of an adverse reaction and documentation that the adverse reaction was reported to:
    - a. The primary care physician; and
    - b. The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System.
- The same requirements as above are required for both:
  - The pharmacist administering a vaccination as an independent provider at a location that is not a pharmacy; and
  - The pharmacist administering a vaccination on behalf of a permit holder at a location that is not a pharmacy.
- The records required in this regulation shall be made available on the request of the Board.

**Patient Information and Consent:**

- Every patient receiving an influenza vaccination shall be provided with a current vaccine information statement.
- Every patient receiving an influenza vaccine shall sign a consent form consenting to the administration of the vaccine.
- Every patient receiving a vaccination shall be given a copy of the consent form for the patient's future reference.
- The consent form shall disclose the credentials of the person administering the vaccination.

**Approved Protocols:**

- The pharmacist may administer influenza vaccinations only within a protocol signed and dated by a licensed Maryland physician. The administering pharmacist and permit holder of the pharmacy site at which the vaccination is administered shall maintain a copy of that protocol.
- The pharmacist shall review the protocol annually with the physician
- The pharmacist shall provide the physician-established protocol for influenza vaccinations to the Board on request

**Requirements for Administration of Herpes Zoster or Pneumococcal Pneumonia Vaccine**

- A pharmacist may administer a vaccination for herpes zoster or pneumococcal pneumonia to an individual if the individual has a prescription from a physician.
- Once the pharmacist has administered the vaccination, the pharmacist shall:
  - Inform the prescribing physician by reasonable means within 7 days of the following:
    - The identity of the patient;
    - The identity of the vaccination;
    - The route of administration;
    - The site of administration;
    - The dose administered; and
    - The date of administration; and
  - If the prescribing physician is not the patient's primary care physician, make a reasonable effort to provide the patient's primary care physician with the information set forth in §B(1) of this regulation.

See Health Occupations Article, 12-508, Annotated Code of Maryland and COMAR 10.34.32.01